GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:110
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TULBUL NAVIGATION RPOJECT
Jai Prakash Shri

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Tulbul Navigation Project of Jammu and Kashmir lying stalled for two decades;

(b) whether any negotiation has taken place recently between the Governments under Indus Water Treaty 1960 to resolve this impasse; and

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The work of the Wullar Barrage/Tulbul Navigation project was suspended with effect from 2nd October, 1987 to fulfill a precondition to that effect put by Pakistan for bilateral negotiations at Government Level.

(b) Secretary Level talks were held at New Delhi from 28th to 29th June, 2005 as part of the Composite Dialogue between India and Pakistan, during which both sides exchanged their views.

(c) In an endeavour to expedite the process of resolution, the technical experts from both the sides discussed the issues and the views of both the sides were recorded. A Joint Press Statement was also issued conveying that the two sides agreed to continue the discussion at the next round of the Dialogue Process with a view to resolving the issue in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty (Indus Waters Treaty 1960).